**Tilford Group Minutes**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

**Overman Student Center, Kansas I**

**Attendance**

Jessica Jorgenson Borchert

Susan Carlson

Kristen Humphrey

Jorge León

Dory Quinn

Deatrea Rose

Vivek Sharma

**Secretary’s Report**

The minutes of August 31, 2018 were approved, with some corrections. The corrected version of the 8/31/18 minutes is attached to this report.

**New Business**

**Presentation by Jamie McDaniel.** The presentation by Jamie McDaniel has been set for Thursday, November 15th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The presentation will take place in Axe Library. Jorge León suggested that McDaniel should be our Tilford Lecture Speaker, since this would allow us to develop promotional materials with Tilford’s name. Since McDaniel has an expertise in graphics, Kristen Humphrey suggested that she talk to McDaniel to see if he would like to design his own promotional poster.

The group discussed the content of McDaniel’s lecture, and how that content could be better communicated to the prospective audience. Both Barbara Bonnekessen and Kristen Humphrey discussed how the language in the lecture should be made more accessible to students. Kristen Humphrey stated that she would talk to Dr. McDaniel in advance to see if he could find more accessible language to describe and promote his topic.

**Elizabeth Warren.** Susan Carlson suggested that the Tilford Committee look into bringing Elizabeth Warren to campus. Since the group agreed, she has sent Kristen Humphrey an e-mail invitation for her review. The next step would be to get the approval of Dr. Scott, and then send the e-mail to Warren’s scheduling office in Massachusetts.

**Tilford Conference in October.** Deatrea Rose stated that the Tilford Conference would be held at Fort Hays State University on October 22nd and 23rd. She said that the guest speakers would be John Quiňones and Dr. Mike Middleton.

**Ideas for Encouraging More Attendance at Tilford Events.** Jorge León stated that he wanted more people to attend our events, especially those primarily hosted by Tilford. This started a discussion on ways to promote higher attendance at Tilford events. Kristen Humphrey suggested that a Canvas site for Tilford could broaden our communication with the campus community, and she said she would develop a site this semester. Barbara Bonnekessen suggested that Tilford organize more events for 5 p.m. or earlier, since it is difficult for people to go home and then come back in the evening for events.

**Creating a More Diverse and Family-Friendly Campus. J**essica Jorgenson Borchet and Vivek Sharma both discussed the need for PSU to be both more diverse and family-friendly, since new faculty and their families often feel isolated from the rest of the PSU community. Several people in the group mentioned the latest faculty survey, which found that morale is low, and many faculty are considering teaching positions at other universities. Deatrea Rose stated that despite the low morale, Dean Olson has been very supportive of PSU’s efforts to promote diversity. She mentioned Dean Olson’s continued support of the annual Tilford Conference as one example.

**Upcoming Events**

Here are a list of events that were upcoming in November of 2018:

* **Faculty Authors’ Reception. Hosted by Jorge Leon** (Thursday, November 1st: 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Axe Library)
* **Bafa Bafa Simulation. Hosted by Harriet Bachner and Grant Moss** (Wednesday, November 7th: 3:00-5:00 p.m.in the Governor’s Room of the Overman Student Center)
* **Technical Writing and “Beyond Borders.”** (**Two Sessions:** Wayne Grady, Lecturer: “Styles and Strategies: Making Nature Writing Appealing”: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Writing Center, Axe Library; Wayne Grady and Merilyn Simonds: “Literature Beyond Borders: Coffee and Readings with Merilyn and Wayne” 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Axe Grind, Axe Library)
* **“Communicating Race Through Stories.” Lecture by Wayne Grady**. (Tuesday, November 13th: 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Axe Library)
* **Gene DeGruson Memorial Lecture.** **Lecture by Merilyn Simonds.** “Back to the Future of Books: Paper, Pixels, and the Lasting Impression of Books” (Tuesday, November 13th: 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Governor’s Room of the Overman Student Center)